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November 6, 2005

Senator Dianne Feinstein  
U.S. Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am writing regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee.

I purposely do not use my phone a lot to keep my bill low. I do not think that I should have to pay the same amount as someone who uses their phone a lot.

Please rethink this flat fee issue.

Sincerely,

Sandra Studebaker

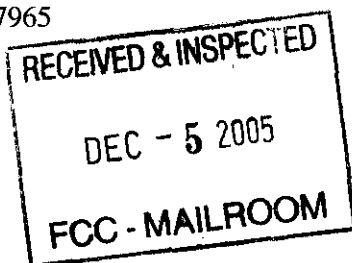
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**James Palsgrove**

P.O. Box 125 , Port Carbon, PA 17965

Senator Arlen Specter  
U.S. Senate  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001



November 1, 2005 11:50 AM

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Specter:

I have serious concerns regarding The Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

As you know, USF is currently collected on a revenue basis. People who use more pay more into the system. If the FCC changes that system to a flat fee, that means that someone who uses one thousand minutes a month of long distance, pays the same amount into the fund as someone who uses zero minutes of long distance a month. Constituents who use their limited resources wisely should not be penalized for doing so.

A flat fee tax could cause many low-volume long distance users, like students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers, to give up their phones due to unaffordable monthly increases on their bills. Shifting the funding burden of the USF from high volume to low-volume users is radical and unnecessary. In addition, it would have a highly detrimental effect on small businesses all across America. The Keep USF Fair Coalition, of which I am a member, keeps me informed about the USF issue with monthly newsletters and up to date information on their website, including links to FCC information. While I am aware that federal law does not require companies to recover, or "pass along" these fees to their customers, the reality is that they do. As a consumer I would like to be sure I am charged fairly. If the FCC goes to a numbers taxed, my service will cost more. And according to the Coalition's recent meetings with top FCC officials, the FCC has plans to change to a flat fee system soon and without legislation.

I will continue to monitor developments on the issue and continue to spread the word to my community. I request you pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know how a flat fee tax could disproportionately affect those in your constituency.

Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

I don't even use long distance calling. This flat fee would penalize me and millions of people like me on a fixed income. We have enough to worry about with high fuel bills. Also, as previously stated, I would be forced to give up my phone altogether. When people like me drop our phone service, and I won't be alone, what are you and the phone companies going to do then?

Sincerely,

James Palsgrove

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FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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Peter Fiorentino

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November 13, 2005

Senator Charles Schumer  
U.S. Senate  
313 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Schumer:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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Shifting the funding burden of the USF from high volume to low-volume users is radical and unnecessary. In addition, it would have a highly detrimental effect on small businesses all across America.

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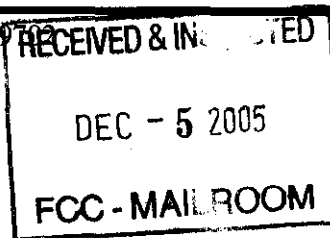
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**Eva Walker**

813 Four Seasons Pkwy , Newark, DE 19702



November 1, 2005 11:59 AM

Senator Joseph Biden  
U.S. Senate  
201 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Biden:

I have serious concerns regarding The Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Eva Walker

cc:  
FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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Judy Everly

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November 2, 2005 1:37 PM

Senator Arlen Specter  
U.S. Senate  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Specter:

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Judy Everly

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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**Carol Hatfield**

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November 1, 2005 11:35 AM

Senator Evan Bayh  
U.S. Senate  
463 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Bayh:

I have serious concerns regarding The Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

As you know, USF is currently collected on a revenue basis. People who use more pay more into the system. If the FCC changes that system to a flat fee, that means that someone who uses one thousand minutes a month of long distance, pays the same amount into the fund as someone who uses zero minutes of long distance a month. Constituents who use their limited resources wisely should not be penalized for doing so.

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I will continue to monitor developments on the issue and continue to spread the word to my community. I request you pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know how a flat fee tax could disproportionately affect those in your constituency.

Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol Hatfield

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FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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David Marckini

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November 5, 2005 4:52 PM

Senator Carl Levin  
U.S. Senate  
269 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Levin:

I am concerned about the FCC stated position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including my children and some of my friends and acquaintances, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

As you know, USF is currently collected on a revenue basis. People who use more pay more into the system. If the FCC changes that system to a flat fee, that means that someone who uses one thousand minutes a month of long distance, pays the same amount into the fund as someone who uses zero minutes of long distance a month. Constituents who have only limited resources or use resources wisely should not be penalized as this proposal would do.

A flat fee tax could cause many low-volume long distance users to give up their phones due to unaffordable monthly increases on their bills. Shifting the funding burden of the USF from high volume to low-volume users is radical and unnecessary. In addition, it would have a highly detrimental effect on small businesses all across America. The Keep USF Fair Coalition, of which I am a member, keeps me informed about the USF issue with monthly newsletters and up to date information on their website, including links to FCC information. According to the Coalition's recent meetings with top FCC officials, the FCC has plans to change to a flat fee system soon, and without legislation.

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

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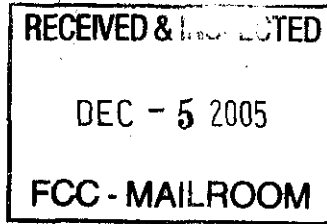
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**Andrew Nelson**

72 E Seneca St , Oswego, NY 13126-1124



November 1, 2005 11:12 AM

Senator Hillary Clinton  
U.S. Senate  
476 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Clinton:

I have serious concerns regarding FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress's (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

As you know, USF is currently collected on a revenue basis. People who use more pay more into the system. If the FCC changes that system to a flat fee, that means that someone who uses one thousand minutes a month of long distance, pays the same amount into the fund as someone who uses zero minutes of long distance a month. Constituents who use their limited resources wisely should not be penalized for doing so.

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I will continue to monitor developments on the issue and continue to spread the word to my community. I request you pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know how a flat fee tax could disproportionately affect those in your constituency.

Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

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Andrew Nelson

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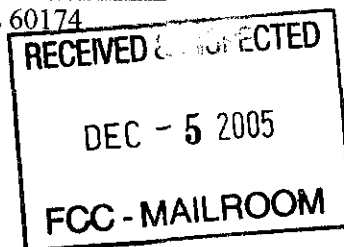
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**David Nations**

34 W 851 South James Drive , St. Charles, IL 60174

Senator Dick Durbin  
U.S. Senate  
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001



November 1, 2005 11:15 AM

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Durbin:

I have serious concerns regarding FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress's (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

As you know, USF is currently collected on a revenue basis. People who use more pay more into the system. If the FCC changes that system to a flat fee, that means that someone who uses one thousand minutes a month of long distance, pays the same amount into the fund as someone who uses zero minutes of long distance a month. Constituents who use their limited resources wisely should not be penalized for doing so.

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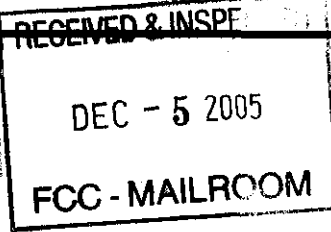
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Thomas Wyce

198 Naylor St NE, Palm Bay, FL 32907-1553



November 10, 2005 9:26 AM

Representative Dave Weldon  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2347 Rayburn House Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Weldon:

I bought TracFone access time for my elderly mother and my college-student daughter so they would have contact with me or the appropriate agencies in case of emergency. My daughter has used it a few times because of car problems and my mother has yet to use it (in 2 years!), but she has the peace of mind knowing it's there if she should need it. I don't think the proposed rate structure is fair for me and the thousands of others who use this form of communication, and I hope you will agree, and block the change. It will be a hardship for many of us, and other people like my Mom who are paying for their own TracFones might drop this potentially life-saving service because of the cost. Please don't let that happen. Keep the existing fee structure. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas Wyce

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T.K. McCranie

19381 De Vry Drive, Irvine, CA 92603-3515

November 10, 2005

Senator Dianne Feinstein  
U.S. Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I have serious concerns with the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents - including my friends, family, neighbors, and me - will be negatively impacted by the change proposed by the FCC.

USF is currently collected on a revenue basis. People who use more pay more into the system. A FCC change to a flat fee will mean everyone pays the same amount whether one uses long distance at a rate of 1,000 minutes a month or zero minutes. We constituents who use their limited resources wisely should not be penalized for doing so.

Low-volume users include students, senior citizens, low-income rural and residential consumers, and prepaid wireless users. The change to a flat fee tax will cause increases in monthly bills may cause many of these low-volume long distance users to give up their phones, as well as having a detrimental effect on small businesses. Shifting the funding burden of the USF from high-volume to low-volume users is radical and unnecessary.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition keeps me informed about the USF issue with monthly newsletters and up to date information on their website, including links to FCC information. Based on reports of the Coalition's recent meetings with top FCC officials, the FCC has plans to change to a flat fee system soon and without legislation.

I will continue to monitor developments on the issue and continue to spread the word to my community. I request you pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know how a flat fee tax could disproportionately affect those in your constituency.

Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Respectfully,

T.K. McCranie

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jimmy fuentes

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November 18, 2005

Senator Dianne Feinstein  
U.S. Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Great Is there any other way we can keep the poor man DOWN.....

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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I will continue to monitor developments on the issue and continue to spread the word to my community. I request you pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know how a flat fee tax could disproportionately affect those in your constituency.

Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

jimmy fuentes

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Dean Gowan

201 south main st. B-100, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

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November 15, 2005

Senator Orrin Hatch  
U.S. Senate  
104 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Hatch:

I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee.

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Sincerely,

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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Karen West

24001 TR 1173 , Coshocton, OH 43812

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November 8, 2005 6:01 AM

Senator Mike DeWine  
U.S. Senate  
140 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator DeWine:

Please do not vote for the flat-fee for long distance initiative. It wouldn't be fair for someone like me to pay a flat fee of say \$25 per month when I use less than \$5 per month in long-distance fees.

It would be even more of a hardship for people who are poor and can only talk to their families on the phone, because they cannot afford the money or safe vehicle to visit their loved ones.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Karen West

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**Nykki Butler**

Po box 18 , East Freedom, PA 16637

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November 1, 2005 4:22 PM

Representative Bill Shuster  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1108 Longworth House Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Shuster:

I have serious concerns regarding FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress's (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC. Plus not to mention the people that have kids and can just make ends meet now, what are they to do?? Most people are trying just to make ends meet paycheck to paycheck and with all of the increases that people want to put on cell phones and god only knows what else it is going to be hard for a lot of people to pay the tax increase.. In this case most people are going to stop using their cell phones or they will only use them in cases of emergency's. As you know, USF is currently collected on a revenue basis. People who use more pay more into the system. If the FCC changes that system to a flat fee, that means that someone who uses one thousand minutes a month of long distance, pays the same amount into the fund as someone who uses zero minutes of long distance a month. Constituents who use their limited resources wisely should not be penalized for doing so.

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Sincerely,

Nykki Butler

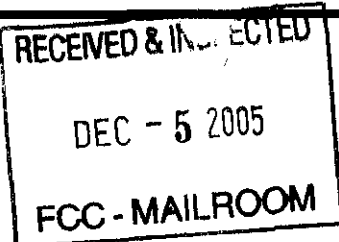
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**Christenne Viers**

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November 1, 2005 4:51 PM

Senator John Warner  
U.S. Senate  
225 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Warner:

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These guys in the Government need to stop trying to stick it to the little man! Its time these big corporations and the rich start picking up the slack, instead of getting all the tax breaks.

Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

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November 1, 2005 2:22 PM

Senator Charles Schumer  
U.S. Senate  
313 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Schumer:

Right now I am in the process of seriously considering dropping my Dad's long distance coverage. What's the reason? It's too expensive!!! He's paying a little over \$7.00 a month and that's without making a single long distance call. That's ridiculous!!! He's a senior citizen on a fixed income. Since he doesn't want call waiting and all those extras, no dsl etc, he's not eligible for most discounted long distance plans. Using a calling card isn't an option since my Dad is over 90 years old and dialing all those code numbers is ridiculous for him. He served in World War II to protect our precious freedoms. It seems to me that another freedom is being taken from us!

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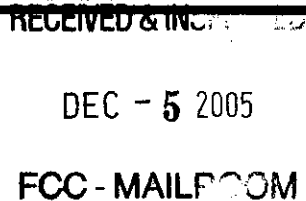
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November 1, 2005 2:27 PM

Senator Chris Dodd  
U.S. Senate  
448 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Dodd:

I have serious concerns regarding FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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November 1, 2005 11:02 AM

Senator Bill Frist  
U.S. Senate  
509 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Frist:

Fair for the seniors?

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Sincerely,

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November 21, 2005

Senator Jeff Sessions  
U.S. Senate  
335 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Sessions:

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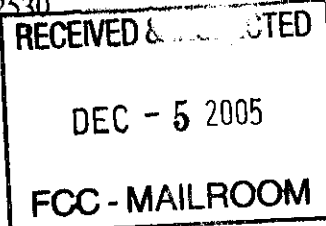
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**Frances Ramirez**

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November 1, 2005 11:01 AM

Representative Darrell Issa  
U.S. House of Representatives  
211 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Issa:

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Sincerely,

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November 1, 2005 11:31 AM

Representative Robert Aderholt  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1433 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Aderholt:

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Sincerely,

Linda Farrell

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November 6, 2005 1:58 PM

Senator Charles Schumer  
U.S. Senate  
313 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Schumer:

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**Deanna Neeley**

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November 15, 2005 11:45 PM

FCC - MAILROOM

Senator Orrin Hatch  
U.S. Senate  
104 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Hatch:

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I am a teacher, and I only use my phone for emergencies and in cases when I am out of the classroom. There are times a substitute needs to get in touch with me when I am at a conference. The school district does not help me pay for this phone even though I use it for my job. With pay remaining stagnant, especially for teachers, this is a great disservice to those of us who contribute a great deal to society from resources not supplied through adequate pay.

Sincerely,

Deanna Neeley

Cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin

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November 1, 2005 4:11 PM

Senator Norm Coleman  
U.S. Senate  
320 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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